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NDP slams Grits over cancelled fall sitting

PROVINCE NDP Leader Carole James accused Premier Gordon Campbell yesterday of "running the province like a private club" upon being told that government had cancelled the fall sitting of the provincial legislature.

NDP Leader Carole James

The fall legislative session had been scheduled to run from Oct. 6 to Nov. 27.

It is the second time the Liberal government has cancelled the fall session. Last fall was a shortened sitting.

"This is a government and a premier who doesn't like to answer questions, who would prefer to govern behind closed doors and in secret," said James, whose party has been neck-and-neck with the ruling Liberals in recent polls.

"If the government has nothing to do, we've got a long list for this government to take on."

James suggested the crisis in B.C. forest communities, a shortage of senior care, and a debate on climate action could be issues raised in a fall sitting.

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TV Idol's new king

AARON LYNETT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Twenty-three-year-old Theo Tams, right, from Lethbridge, Alta., is congratulated by idol runner-up Mitch MacDonald of Port Hood, N.S., after Tams was crowned the 2008 Canadian Idol during the series finale at the John Basset Theatre last night in Toronto. Story, page 19.

May's way cleared for TV debate

Federal, B.C. Greens thrilled as Tories, NDP cave to outcry

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Elizabeth May, the leader of the Green party, will get to participate in televised leadership debates after the Conservatives and NDP yesterday reversed their opposition to her involvement.

Adriane Carr, leader of the B.C. Green party, said she's thrilled with the announcement.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Jack Layton had earlier said they'd boycott the debates if May participated, which the Green party had said was undemocratic.

"I think they just underestimated the rage of their own support base," May said in New Glasgow, N.S. yesterday. "I think they realized their attempts to hurt me were doing maximum damage to their own fortunes and that's why they had to change."

Added Carr: "I'm grateful to every single Canadian who responded with outrage (over this). I think it's those people who turned things around."

Yesterday's announcement came two days after David Suzuki suggested the Green party should be axed because of the implication that the Greens have a "stranglehold" on green issues, making it a "ghetto" subject.

Carr said if her party is significant enough to warrant being heard in the Legislature, then Suzuki must be wrong.

"I'm grateful to every single Canadian who responded with outrage."
Adriane Carr

"He's not recognizing that the Green party is more than a one-issue party," said Carr, adding that the party also lobbies for, among other things, improved rapid transit, health care and a higher minimum wage.

She said that giving the Green party more votes is the "surest way to make sure other parties who talk a green line actually start doing something green."

Bear bites fisherman after boarding boat

ATTACK A Saltspring Island fisherman is in hospital after being mauled by a 136-kilogram black bear that boarded his boat.

The 52-year-old man and a friend were on the water Tuesday around 5 p.m. at the Port Renfrew marina when the bear swam toward them, possibly attracted by their catch.

RCMP Sgt. Roger Plamondon said the men tossed the fish overboard to distract the bear with no success. It climbed aboard and bit one man's shoulder and arm.

The man's friend and about five others fought off and killed the bear using a fishing gaff, knives and anything on hand.

The victim was taken to hospital where he underwent surgery.

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Fire and Rescue wins donor challenge
Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services donated 154 units of blood to win the second annual Sirens for Life blood donor challenge, snatching the title from former champions, the Vancouver Police Department. This year, the VPD donated 123 units, the RCMP gave 86, and the B.C. Ambulance Services had 12. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Paramedics to the Peace Arch

More than 100 B.C. Ambulance Service paramedics and members of other first-responder agencies are riding to the Peace Arch at the Pacific Border Crossing this morning to participate in a remembrance service for workers who died in the attacks on New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. The service starts at 9:11 a.m. METRO VANCOUVER

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

Kirsten Fox, niece of Canadian icon Terry Fox, with the van from his 1980 Marathon of Hope.

'Uncle Terry' a hero

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It wasn't until she saw her father signing autographs for her elementary school classmates that Kirsten Fox began to understand how powerful an impact her uncle Terry had on the lives of others.

"I didn't understand it – it was just my dad, but to everybody else he was the brother of a hero," said Fox, 23, outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday at a barbecue to raise awareness of Sunday's Terry Fox Run.

Fox, who was born four years after Terry died, grew up listening to stories of 'Uncle Terry' and is proud of how many lives he touched and the people he inspired.

"You see him running in the documentaries. You can see the pain in his face, but he's still running through it," she said. "When I'm going through something rough in my life I think back to that and what would Terry do?"

Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan said Terry Fox enabled the general public to connect with people with disabilities.

"He was a powerful change in the public's attitude toward disability. It's really important to recognize that, an important moment in Canadian history."

Schedule

- For a list of Terry Fox Runs, visit terryfoxrun.org.

Victim still has arson nightmares

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TRIAL A Vancouver man whose mother and three young siblings were killed in an arson fire said yesterday that he still has nightmares about coming home to see their bodies lying outside the burned home.

Ornella "J.T." Etibako, 21, was testifying in the B.C. Supreme Court trial of Nathan Fry, who has been accused of lighting the fire that killed four members of the Etibako family and a friend.

His brother Bolingo, who was 17 at the time, escaped the fire.

Etibako said he came home in the early hours of May 15, 2006, and saw his family's home in ruins and their charred bodies on the ground, and then fainted.

Vancouver Police Const. Carolyn Wigglesworth, who was at the scene, described seeing Bolingo outside the burning home, his skin hanging off his burned body while crying that there were people still trapped inside.

The Crown alleges Fry started the fire to get back at Bolingo for implicating him in two stabbings near SkyTrain stations, for which he was acquitted.

Accused's plea

- Nathan Fry has pleaded not guilty to five counts of murder.

News in brief

ASSAULT A female hitchhiker claims she was held and sexually assaulted on Highway 99 by a man in a white SUV Tuesday. Whistler RCMP said they have arrested a suspect.

FUNERAL Hundreds attended a funeral last night for Maija Lisa Corbett, 19, who was killed when a man rammed his truck into a Maple Ridge sushi restaurant on Aug. 28.

POLITICS A Surrey Liberal MP said he wrote a letter of support — using House of Commons letterhead — for a Vancouver man convicted of drug trafficking in California, to show his belief that Ranjit Singh Cheema is committed to rehabilitation, CBC News Online reports. Sukh Dhaliwal said he did not try to influence the judge.

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Adieu and adios

Metro Vancouver's old buses are going from trolley bus to "trolébus" as 80 have been sold to Mendoza, Argentina for $2,300 each. That's $600 more than their scrap value and Argentina is picking up the shipping costs. METRO VANCOUVER

Microsoft brings 300 more jobs to Richmond centre

EMPLOYMENT Microsoft Corp. expanded its Canadian development centre in Richmond yesterday, adding 300 jobs.

It first opened in July 2007 with 21 employees. It now houses software developers who work on some of Microsoft's top products, including Windows, Microsoft Office, Windows Mobile and the Xbox 360.

Phil Sorgen, Microsoft Canada president, said the Lower Mainland's quality of life and multiculturalism were factors in the decision to open the centre in Richmond.

He acknowledged the Vancouver area is expensive to do business in, but said the city helps attract top talent.

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Make safety a priority now

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Some communities around SkyTrain stations have become magnets for crime and with 16 new stations underway for the Canada Line, there's worry those neighbourhoods will be at risk.

Adrian Dix, Vancouver-Kingsway MLA said yesterday that all levels of government need to act now to ensure stations are safe before the line opens.

"We've seen a series of attacks over the past 20 months, principally against women (near) SkyTrain stations," he said near the work site of the 25th Avenue Canada Line station. "That issue … is coming here."

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

NDP MLA Adrian Dix speaks about transit safety at the site of the under-construction 25th Avenue Canada Line station.

Dix said the NDP has created a 10-point transit safety plan that includes demands for live staff members at all stations when trains are in service.

Ward Clapham, chief of the Transit Police Service, said plans are underway for more officers on bicycles patrolling neighbourhoods around stations.

There will also be more community policing stations in transit line neighbourhoods and 50 officers patrolling the Canada Line.

Ken Hardie, a spokesperson with TransLink, said existing stations are assessed individually because not all of them have a history of crime.

"Places like Surrey Central and Broadway, people want to see more visible policing and security, and (Clapham is) working on deployment plans to make that happen," he said.

letters

Tories are not anti-gay

Re: "Mayencourt no help to gay community." To suggest that (Lorne Mayencourt) is no help to the gay community and that the Conservatives are anti-gay is ludicrous. It wouldn't be in the Conservatives' best interest to alienate a segment of society that has vast disposable income and clout. Mayencourt's emphasis of treatment of addicts, rather than prolonging their addictions with harm reduction facilities, will breathe life back into the West End.

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News in brief

EDUCATION Critics of the government are questioning why 17 high-risk schools have not had seismic upgrades.

LOBBY Surrey now requires special interest groups to register with the City.

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Vancouver NDP candidate defends Tory InSite comment

Vancouver-Centre NDP candidate Michael Byers rushed to the defence of his opponent Tory candidate Lorne Mayencourt yesterday, labelling a YouTube video by Liberals as 'dirty politics.'

The video shows Mayencourt talking with young Liberals about InSite. In the video, Mayencourt can be heard saying he has "nothing to say" about the city's supervised injection site.

The Conservative party has been accused of wanting to close InSite.

Byers, the Canadian Research Chair in International Law and Politics at the University of B.C., said Mayencourt's answer is fair.

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"Give the guy a chance," Byers said. "Let's have an open and rigorous debate about the issues."

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15th death linked to Maple Leaf listeriosis outbreak

Another person has died from listeriosis linked to tainted meat processed at the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto, officials announced yesterday. Officials would only say the victim, the 15th to die from the outbreak, was a resident of Ontario. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

"A Canadian voice at a time when we were still finding our voice as a nation"

Antoni Cimolino, general director of the Stratford Festival Theatre, speaking about the death of Richard Monette, right.

Death

Richard Monette, the longest-serving artistic director of Ontario's Stratford Festival, has died at 64 of a pulmonary embolism.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Bloc Québécois has lost its way: Separatist

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The Bloc Québécois, which holds enough seats in Parliament to prevent any party from gaining a majority, has lost its way, a senior member of the independence movement said yesterday in the latest blow to the party's electoral hopes.

Polls show support for the Bloc is waning and the ruling Conservatives are targeting at least 15 of the Bloc's seats as ones that they could win as they seek an elusive majority government in the Oct. 14 election.

Bloc leader Gilles Duceppe's mood was not improved when leading separatist Jacques Brassard said the party had drifted far from its founding principles by playing down talk of an independent Quebec.

"Sovereignty has more or less been put on the back burner. It's not discussed any more. The circumstances aren't suitable. But the fact remains that that's why the Bloc exists ... I'm sorry, but this does not suit me. I don't recognize myself in this party," he said.

The Conservatives said Brassard's comments showed that the Bloc was irrelevant.

Jacques Brassard

But Pierre Martin, a political scientist at the University of Montreal, said the party may lose seats, but it will not be obliterated.

"All journalists should take the stories about the death of the Bloc and bury them. This is not going to happen as long as you have anywhere between a third and half of the electorate who claim to be 'sovereigntist' — there will be a voice for that electorate."

REUTERS

Breaking down the Bloc

- The Bloc, which wants French-speaking Quebec to split from the rest of Canada, has 48 of the 308 seats in the House of Commons.
- The Bloc was created in 1991 to push for independence, but has since started to focus on defending Quebec's rights provincially.

Surgery brings no relief for knees: study

ARTHRITIS An operation that has been performed hundreds of thousands of times on arthritic knees around the world provides no more relief than common drug and physical therapy, a new study out of the University of Western Ontario says.

The paper, published today in the New England Journal of Medicine, will likely end the common practice of using arthroscopic surgery to relieve arthritic pain in that joint, researchers say. In the case of arthritis, surgeons had long believed that using arthroscopy to rinse out inflammatory fluids and smooth out cartilage tissue would ease joint pain. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

amount

- The current procedure is performed about 3,000 times a year in Ontario alone.

News in brief

PRISON BREAK Two men who escaped from a Saskatchewan jail in August were arrested during a dramatic police sweep of an apartment building in central Winnipeg on Tuesday night. Cody Dillon Keenatch, 19, and Preston Clarence Buffalocalf, 22, were arrested after more than two weeks at large.

DISASTER RELIEF Canada is considering sending its specialized disaster response team to help with hurricane relief efforts in Haiti. The team, which consists of about 200 members of the Canadian Forces, is on standby now.

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Canadian soldier **Family mourns**

FRED THORNHILL/REUTERS

Soldiers carry the casket of Sergeant Prescott Shipway to a hearse past his daughter Rowan Shipway, 4, and his wife Diana Dawn Kaczmar, at Canadian Forces Base Trenton yesterday. Shipway, an infantryman with the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was killed on Sept. 7 when his armoured vehicle struck a roadside bomb in the Panjwayi District of Afghanistan.

Surprise witness revealed at Omar Khadr's pre-trial

GUANTANAMO A mysterious witness raised further doubt about the Pentagon's claim that Omar Khadr threw a grenade fatally wounding an American soldier. But Khadr's lawyers say the U.S. government is denying access to him.

With just weeks to go now before his war crimes trial, Khadr's lawyers told a military judge yesterday that one of the American witnesses at the July 2002 firefight in Afghanistan has refused to speak to them at the request of his employer.

The identity of the third witness was revealed publicly for the first time yesterday: U.S. government employee Jim Taylor.

Khadr's lead lawyer, Navy Lt.-Cmdr. Bill Kuebler, said Taylor was crucial to Khadr's defence because he had written a report claiming more than one occupant of the compound raided by U.S. Special Forces was alive when the U.S. soldier was killed.

Khadr is charged with five war crimes, including murder for the death of U.S. Sgt. First Class Christopher Speer, and faces a life sentence if convicted.

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Lead lawyer, Navy Lt.-Cmdr. Bill Kueble

Canadian Anglicans request meeting

SAME-SEX The head of the Anglican Church of Canada wants a face-to-face meeting with his South American counterpart, who earlier this year claimed jurisdiction over 10 Canadian congregations in a growing split over same-sex marriage blessings.

"What I would hope is that we could hear one another," Fred Hiltz, primate of the Canadian church, told the Anglican Journal.

"What I would hope is that we could hear one another."

Fred Hiltz, head of Canadian Anglican Church

Archbishop Gregory Venables of the Anglican Province of the Southern Cone, says he would find it "difficult" to attend such a meeting. He added that it was supposed to be a private meeting and was surprised it is now public.

"This makes it even more difficult for me to attend."

Hiltz has argued strenuously in the past that bishops do not have the right to claim jurisdiction over congregations in another part of the worldwide communion.

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Canadian warships **India**

BABU/REUTERS

A Central Industry Security Force personnel stands guard near the docked Canadian warships, the HMS Calgary and the HMS Protecteur, at a port in the southern Indian city of Chennai yesterday. The warships are in Chennai to carry out an exercise in the sea off the Chennai coast.

Did you know?

Canada has had 39 federal general elections since Confederation, and there are currently 308 seats in the House of Commons. At the first election after Confederation in 1867, there were 181 seats to fill. **ELECTIONS CANADA**

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Harper sets Afghan deadline

Canadian troops will be out of troubled region by 2011, PM says

Canada will withdraw its troops from Afghanistan — not just Kandahar — by 2011, even though it's likely the deadly insurgency will still be raging, Prime Minister Stephen Harper says.

Harper yesterday went beyond the resolution that Parliament approved just this spring that called for Canada's 2,500 troops to be out of Kandahar in three years and instead predicted most troops would be out of the country by the deadline.

"At that point, the mission as we've known it, we intend to end it. I think you have to put an end date on these things," he told reporters yesterday.

By that time, Canadians and even the Armed Forces will have lost their appetite for the dangerous mission that has so far claimed the lives of 97 soldiers and diplomat Glyn Berry, he said.

"At that point, the mission as we've known it, we intend to end it. I think you have to put an end date on these things."
Stephen Harper

"I really don't think there'll be much appetite among Canadians and I don't even think among the Armed Forces themselves — although they probably wouldn't say so — (there's) much appetite to see rotations continuing the way they've been after six years," he said.

And he added a blunt message to the Afghan government, saying it should be prepared to assume responsibility for its security when Canada leaves.

"A sovereign government has to be able to be primarily responsible for the day-to-day security of the country. That's what we're trying to do through training programs. I think we are making some progress," Harper said.

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Warning

Danny Williams

Williams has PM in his sights

ATTACK A Progressive Conservative premier came out with both barrels blazing in a blistering attack on Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday.

Speaking in a nationally-televised address to a St. John's business group, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams said another minority Conservative government would be ruinous for Canadians, according to CBC News Online. Williams warned Canadians about Harper, a man he called "a fraud" and the architect of a "right-wing Conservative-Reform party."

"A majority government for Stephen Harper would be one of the most negative political events in Canadian history."
Premier Danny Williams

"If (he) is prepared to slash program spending when he has large surpluses... the future of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians — and indeed all Canadians — will be very bleak under a Conservative majority," Williams told the St. John's Board of Trade.

"A majority government for Stephen Harper would be one of the most negative political events in Canadian history,"

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33 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

Perceptions change with attack ads

Two men, one shrug ..... and a whole lot of negativity.

Unflattering photos of Stéphane Dion and Stephen Harper, both standing with shoulders shrugged, have become the face of Liberal and Conservative attack ads.

"The two photos are really similar but really different at the same time," says Sandra De Carvalho, a 24-year-old PR rep in Toronto.

"Dion looks old and feeble, very inept. He almost looks elderly and weak ... He looks like he doesn't fill his suit out properly."

Juxtapose that with the photo of Harper and a whole other image appears.

"He almost looks like the class bully, like he just stole somebody's lunch money and says, 'What do you want me to do about it?'

"He might look sketchy and overconfident, but he doesn't look weak at all," she adds.

From a marketing standpoint, Tony Kerr, chair of advertising at the Ontario College of Art and Design, says both images are effective.

"You couldn't pose that shot better," he says of the Dion image.

"But the one of Dion is getting too much play ... It's turning into a bully campaign."

"Images are very strong and they can destroy you, they can definitely destroy you," said Kerr, evoking the memory of a federal Conservative leader felled by negative press photos in the 1970s.

"Remember Robert Stanfield?" **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Now you know

- Biographical facts on Harper, courtesy of www.scandalpedia.ca — a website operated by the Liberal Party of Canada.
- Dropped out of university after two months, moved to Edmonton and worked for Imperial Oil.
- Finally graduated university at age 34.
- Linked to not one, but 13 political scandals.
- Biographical facts on Dion, courtesy of www.notaleader.ca — a website operated by the Conservative Party of Canada.
- Eats his hotdogs with a knife and fork.
- Once named a pet turtle after the communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky.
- Ended his last campaign in debt.

NDP From blue to green collar?

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NDP Leader Jack Layton pauses for a photo with Steve Conway and his son, Jack, yesterday during a campaign stop in Oshawa, Ont. Layton promised an NDP government would spend $8.2 billion over four years to foster "green-collar" manufacturing jobs and keep work from shifting abroad.

Dion puts better food safety on his menu

Linking the current food safety crisis to the water tragedy in Walkerton, Ont., eight years ago, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion promised to spend $50 million to improve federal food inspections.

The Liberals have said the Harper government's handling of food safety may have contributed to the listeriosis outbreak that has killed 15 people across Canada — just as reduced regulatory spending under former Ontario premier Mike Harris played a role in the E. coli water tragedy that cost seven lives in Walkerton in 2000.

"A government cannot cut corners when it comes time to protecting the health and safety of Canadians for the sake of so-called efficiencies," Dion said.

He told high school students in Walkerton the $50 million would allow the government to hire 100 more Canadian Food Inspection Agency inspectors, an 8 per cent increase in those "on the ground."

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Vesuvius' lava pool identified
The magma pool feeding the Italian volcano Mount Vesuvius has shifted in the past 2,000 years, a discovery that could help in predicting future eruptions, researchers said. REUTERS

World

'Lipstick' line colours U.S. presidential race

A spat over gender politics erupted on the U.S. presidential campaign yesterday with John McCain accusing Barack Obama of a sexist attack on his running mate.

With both sides striving for women voters, McCain put out a Web ad saying Obama was talking about Sarah Palin Tuesday when he likened Republican plans for reform to putting "lipstick on a pig."

Palin had told the Republican convention this month that she was a "hockey mom" and joked that the only difference between a hockey mom and a pit bull was lipstick.

McCain's advertisement juxtaposes Obama and Palin's remarks.

"Ready to lead? No," McCain's ad reads. "Ready to smear? Yes."

Obama tackled the controversy during an appearance in Norfolk.

"What their campaign has done is the same game that has made people sick and tired of politics in this country," he said. "They seize on an innocent remark, try to take it out of context, throw up an outrageous ad because they know it's catnip for the media." REUTERS

McCain, Palin teaming up on the road

- Buoyed by big crowds and enthusiasm, John McCain and Sarah Palin likely will campaign together more than is traditional. Candidates and their running mates typically split up so they can cover more ground. But McCain and Palin are expected to get together again next week.

9-11 Families remember

REUTERS/JASON COHN

Marisa Gratton, 14, and her sister Tara, 11, of Monroeville, Penn., look at photos they had taken at the Flight 93 Temporary Memorial. Today marks the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

U.S. needs more active role in Asia: Report

POLITICS The next American administration must shift from a U.S. preoccupation with the Middle East to devote more attention to Asia and the rise of China and India, the nonpartisan Asia Foundation said in a study released yesterday,

The report was aimed at the policy teams of both Barack Obama and John McCain. The next president, they said, must shift from responding to crises to foreseeing and shaping major developments.

To engage Asia more effectively, the next U.S. president will need to maintain and modernize alliances with Japan and South Korea, shore up ties with China and India and embrace efforts to build formal institutions. REUTERS

News in brief

INDIA After being traumatized by media reports that the "Big Bang" re-enactment experiment in Europe could bring about the end of the world, a 16-year old girl from India committed suicide by drinking pesticide, her family said. The experiment, which began yesterday, was feared by some to potentially cause black holes that could suck in the entire planet within seconds.

BRITAIN Prosecutors are seeking a retrial for seven British men accused of smuggling liquid explosives onto airplanes. After a five-month trial that wrapped up Monday, a jury was unable to convict the seven men of the most serious charges against them. REUTERS

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Yellow cab drivers rail against "green" taxi plan

A group of New York taxi owners is suing the city over a plan to convert all cabs to hybrids or clean diesel vehicles by 2012, saying the plan is unsafe and unconstitutional. The drivers are unconvinced that "green" vehicles can stand up to constant use, as New York cabs can often be operational for 24 hours a day. REUTERS

Mudslide in China kills 128

Angry residents wailed and protested as rescuers in northern China hunted for dozens of victims still missing two days after a deluge of sludge from a collapsed mine waste reservoir killed at least 128 people.

The death toll from the wall of mud that roared through a market and submerged some buildings to their roofs had more than doubled from earlier estimates to 128, state television said yesterday. An earlier report on a state radio website said that "several hundred" were missing.

Mud blanketed fields and houses for several kilometres below the Tashan mine, while hundreds of rescue workers clambered past clothes, furniture and uprooted trees and used excavators to dig through viscous muck.

Dozens of friends and relatives hoping for news of people feared trapped were kept away from the site by police, and some accused officials of cold-hearted incompetence.

Many of the victims were apparently migrant workers from southwest China. It may be harder to pin down the number of dead and missing because they have no family in the area.

The Chinese government took extraordinary steps to ensure the nation was trouble-free throughout the Beijing Olympic Games in August. But this disaster, the first big accident since then, is a reminder that the country's mines remain perilous.

Heavy rain triggered the disintegration of the holding pond at the iron mine after it had been overfilled with waste ore. REUTERS

Mining catastrophes common

- China's mines are the world's most dangerous, killing nearly 3,800 people last year, as high demand in the booming economy for even low-grade iron ore pushes managers to cut safety corners.

Strong quake hits Japan, but no injuries reported

JAPAN An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 7.0 struck off the coast of the Japanese island of Hokkaido yesterday, the Japanese meteorological agency said, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

A tsunami warning was issued for the area after the tremor struck, but only a 10-centimetre tsunami was observed on the coast.

The focus of the tremor was 20 kilometres below the earth, off the coast of Tokachi on the sparsely populated island, about 800 kilometres north of Tokyo. It was followed by less powerful aftershocks.

The runway at Shin Chitose Airport on Hokkaido was closed, as were some roads, domestic media said. Ten thousand people were advised to evacuate.

Earthquakes are common in Japan, one of the world's most seismically active areas. The country accounts for about 20 per cent of the world's earthquakes of magnitude 6 or greater. REUTERS

Pirates in Somalia capture cargo ship, demand ransom

SOMALIA Somali pirates hijacked yet another ship yesterday, and a maritime group said two French tourists kidnapped at sea a week ago were being held by gunmen demanding more than $1.4 million.

A Seoul news agency said a South Korean cargo ship had been seized off the coast of Somalia, with nine South Korean crew members on board.

The East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme said that the luxury yacht of the French couple captured off the lawless Horn of Africa nation on Sept. 3 was now being used to hunt more victims.

The Kenya-based group said the kidnappers were demanding a ransom "in excess" of $1.4 million to free the two hostages. They also wanted the release of six fellow pirates seized in April during a raid by French troops.

"Naval operations or military interventions most likely will risk the lives of the hostages," the group warned. REUTERS

Dangerous seas

- Somali gunmen have seized more than 30 vessels so far this year, making the shipping lanes through the Gulf of Aden the most dangerous in the world. They are holding 10 ships for ransom and about 130 crew.

Australia **Depths of fashion**

REUTERS/DANIEL MUNOZ

Australian celebrity Jamie Wright poses for photographers during the first-ever underwater fashion show in central Sydney yesterday. The show is part of a 30-day fashion and beauty event.

Ike roaring through Gulf toward Texas

STORM Hurricane Ike gathered strength as it churned through the Gulf of Mexico's waters yesterday, making its way to the Texas coast for a projected Saturday landfall.

Ike grew to a Category 2 storm with 100 mph winds and could come ashore as a ferocious Category 4 storm on the five-step intensity scale, with up to 132 mph winds.

The storm is expected to skirt the western side of the Gulf area's offshore oil fields, where 25 per cent of the country's oil and 15 per cent of its natural gas is produced. New Orleans, still reeling from Hurricane Gustav, is expected to be spared. REUTERS

News in brief

CHECHNYA Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov accused the United States on Wednesday of fomenting unrest in the Caucasus and emboldening Georgia to launch an attack on South Ossetia. The Kremlin ally said Russia's crushing defeat of Georgian troops in their brief war was the appropriate response, and backed Moscow's recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia's declaration of independence.

IRAN The U.S. Treasury Department sought to increase pressure on Iran over its nuclear program yesterday by imposing sanctions against its national maritime carrier and 18 affiliates. The department said it was banning any transactions between U.S. citizens and the carriers and would try to freeze the company's U.S. assets. REUTERS

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Manulife's Canadian bank 'contributing strongly'
Manulife Bank of Canada, a growing unit of Manulife Financial , has started "contributing strongly" to the Canadian division's bottom line with a 32 per cent jump in net income in the six months ended June 30, the head of the division said yesterday. REUTERS

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Profit, sales surge for Viterra Inc.

GRAIN Strong world demand for grain and fertilizer helped push Regina-based Viterra Inc.'s quarterly profit up 69 per cent, but also put prices for potential acquisition targets beyond reach, Canada's largest grain handler said yesterday.

Viterra is seeking to expand its grain-handling and processing and fertilizer operations abroad, but has shied away from making acquisitions to that end because of price.

But Viterra hopes to be able to make a deal by the end of the calendar year as the commodity mania cools and target prices deflate. REUTERS

RIM's new phone a hit: Analysts

Flip version of BlackBerry Pearl has mainstream appeal

Research In Motion appears to have dialed up a mainstream hit with the new flip version of its popular BlackBerry Pearl by tapping into cellphone users' love affair with clamshell mobiles.

Also, analysts expect the flip Pearl will be relatively affordable right from its launch, which, combined with its shape, will make it RIM's first truly mass market BlackBerry.

"There is a huge percentage of the population – especially North Americans and especially women – that seem to really like flip phones," observed Canaccord Adams analyst Peter Misek. "So now they have a BlackBerry that addresses that."

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The BlackBerry Pearl.

"There is a huge percentage of the population - especially North Americans and especially women - that seem to really like flip phones."
Peter Misek

RIM says that in the United States, about 70 per cent of mobile phone users opt for a flip phone.

By attacking a market of that size, the Waterloo, Ont.-based company hopes to continue to diversify its customer base beyond its mainstay of executives and professionals.

"A lot of consumers don't like the bulky BlackBerry holstered to a belt, and having a small product that fits into a purse or a pant pocket is appealing," Scott Pope, an analyst at First Analysis Securities Corp., said of RIM's newest smartphone.

"It's an excellent addition to the portfolio, which ... has been short on consumer products," he added. REUTERS

Oil prices moved by speculators

OIL Institutional investors caused the rapid rise and subsequent steep fall in oil prices in 2008, according to an independent report released by U.S. lawmakers yesterday.

The report, co-authored by hedge fund manager Michael Masters, said from January to May index traders poured $60 billion US into commodity markets, causing a big spike in oil prices.

When Congress held hearings in May to July about reining in speculation, traders pulled $39 billion from the market, triggering a sharp fall in oil prices. REUTERS

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Economy hurting TIFF film sales

MOVIES Film sales at the Toronto International Film Festival are at a slow start this year compared to prior years, reflecting the weakness in the global economy and a glut of independent movies on the market, veteran industry leaders say.

While many of the Hollywood blockbusters with well-known stars arrive in Toronto with studio and distribution backing, most films are from independent producers who are looking for distribution.

One issue is that cheap money and low interest rates have encouraged hedge funds to invest in the movie business. That source of money has quickly dried up in the global credit crunch.

However, thousands of pre-financed independent films are already in the works. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quebecor to expand wireless

TELECOM Quebecor Inc. plans to spend up to $1 billion over the next four years to build out a wireless network, but said yesterday that the total includes the cost of acquiring spectrum.

There has been widespread speculation among investors and analysts that Quebecor could partner with another newcomer to Canada's wireless market to create a fourth national wireless carrier. One potential partner for Quebecor is privately held Globalive Communications Corp. REUTERS

England $1-million toy-car collection up for sale

NIGEL RODDIS/REUTERS
Specialist cataloguer Andy Reed holds a matchbox toy Lincoln Continental valued at 1,500 pounds ($2,635 US) at Vectis in northern England. The collection of matchbox cars owned by American collector Scott D. Gillogly is valued at nearly 570,000 pounds ($1 million US) and will be auctioned on Sept. 16 and 17. REUTERS/Nigel Roddis

In brief

E-COMMERCE Amazon.com, the largest global online retailer, plans to start selling U.S.-produced wine on its website within the United States by early October, wine industry insiders said yesterday.

AUTO Ford Canada said it will cut another 500 jobs at its Oakville, Ont., assembly plant as U.S. sales continue to deteriorate. Ford will scrap the third shift in the paint and body areas of the plant. REUTERS

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Baseball suspensions
New York Yankees catcher Ivan Rodriguez and L.A. Angels outfielder Torii Hunter have each been suspended two games for their roles in Monday's benches-clearing incident at Angel Stadium. Both players were also fined undisclosed amounts. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Angels clinch AL West title

Francisco Rodriguez, left, notched his 56th save of the season, just one shy of the single-season record, as the L.A. Angels of Anaheim downed the New York Yankees 4-2 yesterday and cliched the AL West title. The Angels earned a share of the crown with the win and then wrapped up their fourth division title in five years outright when second-place Texas fell in Seattle 8-7. Metro News Services

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Gillis in tough with Sedins

GM faces difficult decisions in contract extension talks with forwards

Details of last night's dinner meeting between Mike Gillis, the Sedin twins and their agent JP Barry are yet to emerge, but here's what we do know. While it is extremely early in the process, Gillis has a couple of problems on his hands if he can't get the Sedins signed to a contract extension.

In the short-term, the twins will have to endure daily scrutiny about the negotiations. If their production slips for a while, the issue of an extension will become a further distraction as fans and media will attribute a slump to a lack of focus due to lingering thoughts of their future in the NHL.

Gillis also has to worry about a lack of free agents next summer after the way this year's market dried up. As the Canucks have recently found out, room under the salary cap is useless if there is no one to spend it on. Players are signing contract extensions with their current clubs long before hitting free agency, leaving those clubs that would like to alter their rosters in the lurch.

The catch is Gillis must weigh that worry against the prospect of granting the Sedins no-trade clauses in their contracts, which hamstrings his ability to adjust his personnel down the road. The twins have made it clear they are willing to take less money to stay in Vancouver, but they want to be assured they will not be traded out of town.

There's no question that Gillis would like to get the twins signed; they are assets that could walk without compensation next July. But is he willing to commit long-term dollars and forfeit part of his ability to wheel and deal down the road?

Given Gillis' patience with regard to evaluation, I fully expect both Daniel and Henrik to enter this season with no new deals in place. I also expect Gillis to push for a modified form of the traditional no-trade clause. He may offer a deal like the one Scott Gomez has in New York, whereby Gomez is limited in the number of teams he can veto trades to. Though both parties are eager to get a contract resolved, this one issue will almost certainly create a lengthy delay in the process.

- As the province gets geared up to request tickets for the 2010 Games in less than a month's time, VANOC has good news for the taxpayers of the province. The organization responsible for planning the Winter Olympics says they are actually under budget right now.

Executive vice president of revenue, marketing and communications, Dave Cobb, says venue construction is ahead of schedule and costs have been lower than anticipated. The only other expenses B.C. is on the hook for are any deficits the Games run up, and Cobb says right now, it does not appear as though that will happen.

Scott Rintoul is a college athlete, sports fan and broadcaster. He can be heard Monday-Friday on the TEAM 1040 from 6-9 a.m.

Buttle goes out on top of the world

FIGURE SKATING Jeffrey Buttle took a look from atop the figure skating world and liked what he saw.

Buttle

So much so, in fact, that the 26-year-old reigning world champion used it as the principal factor in his decision to retire from amateur competition yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Sports in brief

SOCCER A pair of second half Mexican goals may have finally sunk the Canadian men's team's chances of qualifying for the 2010 World Cup. Canadian Striker Ali Gerba scored in 77th minute, but it wasn't enough as Mexico won 2-1. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Blue Jays can't keep win streak alive

White Sox 6 Blue Jays 5

A.J. Pierzynski knocked in three runs as the Chicago White Sox nearly wasted a five-run lead but clipped the Blue Jays 6-5 last night to snap Toronto's winning streak at 10.

Jim Thome, Jerry Owens and Brian Anderson knocked in a run each for the White Sox, who snapped a three-game slide and lead Minnesota by one game in the AL Central.

Starter Mark Buehrle got the win by scattering seven hits and a run over 7 1/3 innings, fanning six with two walks.

Alex Rios hit a two-run homer for the Blue Jays. Marco Scutaro, Jose Bautista and Lyle Overbay each drove in a run as Toronto's comeback fell short.

Jays ace Roy Halladay (18-10) had an unusually poor outing, allowing nine hits and five runs over six full frames. He struck out eight and walked one but lost for the first time since Aug. 9.

It was 6-2 for the White Sox in the eighth as Nick Swisher doubled and later scored on Anderson's pinch-hit single.

That run proved key as usually-reliable closer Bobby Jenks allowed three runs in the ninth before closing out the contest. METRO NEWS SERVICES

STEPHEN CARRERA/REUTERS

Blue Jays hitter Marco Scutaro follows through on a double in the ninth inning against the White Sox last night in Chicago. The Jays lost 6-5 to see their winning streak end at 10 games.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	87	57	.604	—
w-Boston	85	60	.586	2½
Toronto	78	67	.538	9½
N.Y. Yankees	77	69	.527	11
Baltimore	64	80	.444	23

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	81	64	.559	—
Minnesota	80	65	.552	1
Cleveland	71	73	.493	9½
Detroit	70	76	.479	11½
Kansas City	61	83	.424	19½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
x-L.A. Angels	88	57	.607	—
Texas	71	75	.486	17½
Oakland	67	78	.462	21
Seattle	57	87	.396	30½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	82	63	.566	—
Philadelphia	79	67	.541	3½
Florida	74	72	.507	8½
Atlanta	64	82	.438	18½
Washington	56	90	.384	26½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	87	58	.600	—
w-Milwaukee	83	63	.568	4½
Houston	79	67	.541	8½
St. Louis	78	67	.538	9
Cincinnati	66	80	.452	21½
Pittsburgh	60	85	.414	27

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Dodgers	75	71	.514	—
Arizona	71	74	.490	3½
Colorado	67	79	.459	8
San Francisco	65	80	.448	9½
San Diego	56	90	.384	19

(w — teams currently holding wild-card spots; x — clinched division title)

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago White Sox 6 Toronto 5
Cleveland 7 Baltimore 1
L.A. Angels 4 N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota 7 Kansas City 1
Oakland 5 Detroit 2
Seattle 8 Texas 7
Tampa Bay 4 Boston 2 (14 ings)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta 9 Colorado 5
Chicago Cubs 4 St. Louis 3
Florida 7 Philadelphia 3
Houston 7 Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 4 Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Mets 13 Washington 10
San Francisco 4 Arizona 3
L.A. Dodgers 7 San Diego 2

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City at Minnesota, 10:10
Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:05
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 5:11
Texas at Oakland, 7:05
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 7:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 4:05
Colorado at Atlanta, 4:10
Pittsburgh at Houston, 5:05
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 5:15
San Francisco at San Diego, 7:05

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WEEK 12
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Montreal at Calgary, 7
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Hamilton at Edmonton, 4
Saskatchewan at **B.C.**, 7

NFL

WEEK 2
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Chicago at Carolina, 10
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 10
Green Bay at Detroit, 10
Buffalo at Jacksonville, 10
Oakland at Kansas City, 10
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 10
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 10
New Orleans at Washington, 10
San Francisco at Seattle, 1:05
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1:05
Miami at Arizona, 1:15
San Diego at Denver, 1:15
Baltimore at Houston, 1:15
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When good de-cluttering goes bad

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Has this room gone too far? Clean lines and neutral colours are restful, but they can also put people to sleep.

Last week I suggested that the time to embrace the "less is more" idea is nigh, as most of us are taking a small financial beating on one front or another anyway.

But learning to love less — less driving, less dinners out, less clothes-shopping, less amusements, less gadgets — can get out of hand too.

Lately I've felt myself fall into a sort of visual anorexia as I work to create rooms that are so devoid of visual clutter that they're downright barren.

Maybe it's the number of homes I've refreshed, or maybe it's just my reaction to the state of the world these days, but I think I may be getting a little overzealous in the de-clutter department. I've suddenly fallen in love with blank, well-lit gallery-white walls. I have a hankering to hang large blank primed stretched canvases everywhere but worry that the effect might be too busy. I envision an empty, pearl-grey room with a large white shag carpet on the floor and think: Done!

I've decorated myself into a corner, and if I acted on any of my white-out fantasies I would be decorating myself right out of business. Less is more, but less can also be less.

How did I end up in this pursuit of nothingness? The first thing I do when I'm asked to tackle a living space, usually for the purposes of selling, is to start removing layers. The top layer is just stuff — the bits of life that collect on and under all available surfaces over time. The next layer is the soft furnishings, like piles of cushions, outdated swag curtains or throw rugs. Once I have unearthed the furniture, I move out all the non-essential extra side tables, dinky bookcases and wall shelves and sconces. Finally, I tackle the non-material clutter, such as a busy colour scheme, replacing it with something crisp and fresh, which I admit is inevitably some sort of white. I bring in shiny accents, but use sparingly.

I only realized I had a problem after I reviewed some photos of a recent staging. One sterile image after another revealed rooms completely devoid of personality, and with all the romance of a dentist's office. I raced back to the condo and threw some colour around, as if I was reviving a fainter with fruit juice.

I've teetered on the precipice and stared into the décor void, but I'm back now.

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With the environment being rated one of the hottest topics in politics today, it is only natural for people to start looking for environmentally friendly houses and condos. If you are not even sure what that constitutes, this article is for you.

While you may consider your old furnace to be like family, much like children at allowance time it is probably costing you way too much money on a monthly basis. Most old appliances will only run at only 60 per cent efficiency while a new condensing gas furnace will operate between 90-97 per cent. It is a very similar story with that hot water tank that delivers water you must boil in order to avoid hypothermia in the bath, and single pane windows that make you wonder why you do not just spend your winters outside in a tent (it may just stay warmer).

For those of you in older condos, you are not quite off the hook. It may be time to write to your strata councils about making some building changes. Most condos will only make upgrades to the boilers and windows as they break down. By being proactive, you can significantly reduce the operating costs the building will incur on an annual basis. In your suite, you can upgrade your standard thermostats to programmable ones, which is the easiest way to save on your electric bill. Also, updated energy efficient appliances will cut down on those monthly energy costs.

Making your home efficient will not only save you on those monthly bills, it will also make your home that much more desirable to any buyer who finds his way to your place.

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Home design gets personal this fall

InteriorDivine

Soak up inspiration from magazines and TV shows, but remember to add your own flare in every room in your house.

Okay, so the weather's been super gorgeous of late, but like it or lump it, it ain't gonna last. Yup, fall is just around the corner.

With this in mind, here are some C and J pointers to tell you what Canada's most tasteful homes will be wearing as the new season dawns.

Your home, your own

Contemporary minimalism versus traditional values: Both these hot directions are case specific and depend on project, home and client.

Bear in mind that real schemes should say more about their users and less about what happens to be featured in glossy magazines. It's always better to be inspired by favoured looks rather than try to recreate them to the letter.

Revitalize

Your abode should energize you. Cue 'the spa at home'! Go on, indulge! Invest in the ultimate bathroom and stock shelves with luxury potions, lotions and tinctures!

Reflect

It's time to fill your space with artifacts brought back from your travels and with items that tell a story. Good design, this coming season, is all about personalization!

Commune

Get back in touch with nature. Use organic products which are good for the environment.

Look for things that your family can enjoy without stressing about your carbon footprint. Don't be afraid to recycle and reinvent!

Structure

Love your walls and make the best of each room. Embrace the period of your building - but remember to add lovely contrasting details to pull it all together. Hey, it's time for design liberation!

Lighting is everything

As fall approaches, start to embrace that gorgeous seasonal light for which Canada is famous. Play with brightness and shade to get the most from space.

Shaping up

As far as shapes are concerned, we'll be seeing unexpected twists of traditional button tufted upholstery, and we'll be using more and more traditional Canadiana such as Windsor chairs and real timber finishes. And we'll add sexy pops of colour with purples, cobalt blue and sour lime green. Gorgeous!

Squaring off

To keep space seasonally 'sound', we recommend dressings with square cut lines and mathematical patterns softened by nature inspired motifs. Lattice and trellis patterns are huge news. Google retro designer David Hicks wallpapers for fabulous fall prints!

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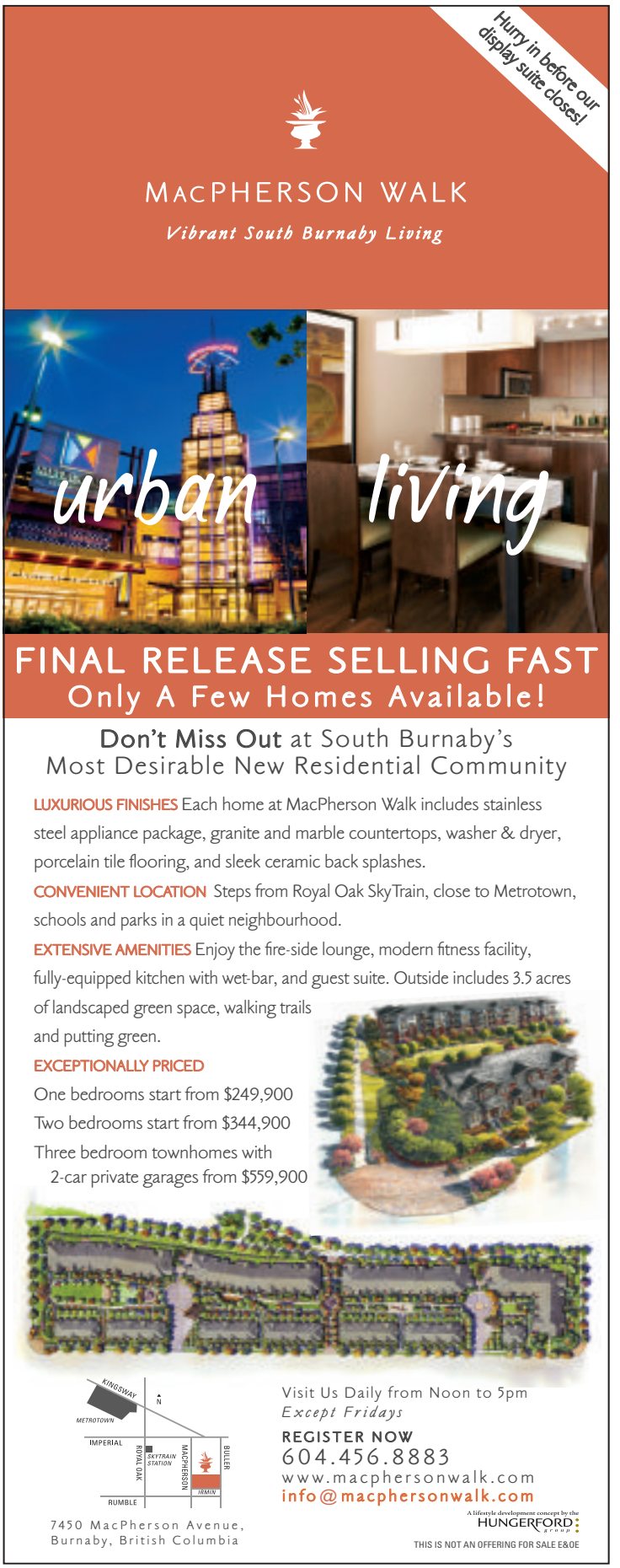
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Style

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Blindsided

Don McKellar discovers that he's vulnerable after all.

By **Denis Seguin**
Contributing Writer

In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king. But in the land of film, it seems, the writer-actor-director gets the work. Don McKeller, the Toronto hyphenate, put two of those skills — screenwriter and featured actor — to work in the film Blindness. Adapted from the novel by Nobel Prize-winning Portugese author Jose Saramago and directed by Brazilian auteur Fernando Meirelles, the film imagines life in the aftermath of a singular cataclysm: An entire society suddenly goes blind.

What's it like playing blind? "It's really scary," says McKellar. "Every actor in the cast had the same moment, and because I'm the writer, they came to me. 'Don, what do I do?'"

McKellar and his peers realized that they were engaging in a fundamental acting exercise. Playing blind, explains McKellar, "exposes your vulnerability. It's a valuable lesson. It's suprising because sometimes you feel empowered and sometimes it's very intimate."

"Intimate" one can understand. But "empowered"? "It's easier to be physical because you're not looking into people's eyes," explains McKellar. "Sighted people are trained to read eyes, so you have to find other ways to learn how people are communicating with you."

DANCE MASTERS

MSTRKRFT always brings down the house!

As a punk musician, Jesse Keeler knew that something was missing. "I had a secret love for house music!" says the Toronto native. With producer Al Puodziukas, he formed MSTRKRFT (pronounced "mastercraft"). The duo's new album is scheduled to be released in October, and draws from an array of influences, such as rap, dancehall, disco and electro-R&B. "It has a very urban sound," says Keeler. "It's a lot tougher — and with better instrumentation this time!" BRIONY SMITH

Gotta have it

One great item = three great fashion looks.

BOHO
Belted wool cardigan ($195, Jones New York Collection)
Floral full skirt ($165, Jones New York)
Leather and sude T-strap pumps ($140, Poetic Licence)
Wool and mohair cap ($110, Alysi)
CLASSIC
Cotton, silk and nylon turtleneck ($85, AK Anne Klein)
Patent-leather Mary Janes ($125, Sacha Too)
Cropped wool jacket ($70, H&M)
COCKTAIL
Snake-print leather clutch ($375, MICHAEL Michael Kors)
Leather pumps ($95, Portia)
Sleeveless wool and silk top ($195, Nice Connection)

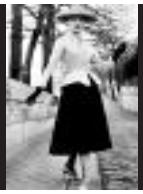
STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

EDITORS' PICK

PRECIOUS METAL

Forget vampy black polish; this season, nails are decidedly glam with metallic silver and platinum dressing up digits at Carolina Herrera and John Galliano. But these shades aren't shimmery like seasons past. "The colours are edgier and shinier," says Maria Cristina Bruno, co-owner of Ritual nail bar and Ritual2 spa in Toronto.

HIGH NOTES Christina Aguilera has leveraged her star power to land a spot at the celebrity-packed fragrance counter. Her new scent, Inspire, is a white floral blend featuring notes of gardenia and mango. "Fragrance is a powerful tool to help you feel sexy and confident," she says. If just a spritz will make us feel as successful as Aguilera, sign us up.



FASHION IDENTITY

Instead of unique clothing designs, which used to identify national origin, clothing styles have blurred into a universal sameness. In **Clothing: A Global History** (Polity), **Robert Ross** decodes the history of what we used to wear and explains why most of us have lost our taste for distinctiveness. Political and economic hegemony and distribution systems are a large part of the story, but Ross goes beyond blame and into fascinating detail about gender and cultural differences and explains why some countries have resisted or even reversed the global trend toward uni-style. SANDRA MARTIN

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Karl Lagerfeld teddy bear

Bosses at German soft toy company Steiff are to launch a teddy bear modelled on legendary fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld, imdb.com reports. The teddy, designed with Lagerfeld's blessing, stands at 15 inches tall (38.1 centimetres) and is covered in soft alpaca wool. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Style

Look great, support a cause

Ensure your eyebrows are well-groomed and support Breast Cancer Research at the same time with the new Tweezerman Pink Ribbon Slant Tweezers. For a limited time, Tweezerman will donate $1 from the sale of each pair of tweezers to the Rethink Breast Cancer charity. The stainless steel tweezers cost $28 and are available at drug and department stores across Canada. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Ruffle up your wardrobe

Style **File**

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ask kim

I love the way Cubans dress. Could you please point me in the right direction as to where can I find clothes or books or even a site on Cuban fashion?

- Troy, Toronto

Get a feel of modern Cuban culture by reading up on fashion, art and music in Cuba on *thehmagazine.com*. Check out the book I was Cuba (*iwascuba.com*) for visual inspiration and shop for a guayabera shirt (traditional Cuban shirt) at *theguayaberashirtstore.com*.
E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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Shop: Jacob
Address: Various locations
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ruffles

Ruffle it up this season with blouses and dresses. Ultra feminine frills are back and they are on everything — bags, shoes and underwear. Try these popular looks the next time you're out shopping and keep this tip in mind: smaller chested women should wear ruffles that are concentrated around the chest as it accentuates the chest making it look fuller; and larger chested women should wear ruffles along the collar and bottom hemline to draw the attention away from the chest, making the outfit and look balanced.

accessory

Designers collaborate! Revered designer Pierre Hardy has designed a small shoe line for Gap — $168, Jodphur Boot. Available at Robson Street and Pacific Centre.

pencil skirt

This fall skirts are tailored and tapered. High-waisted anything is still a really great look so keep your eye out for moderately high-waisted skirts with detailed accents of belts, buttons and stitching. Wear these pencil skirts to the office and dress them up for the evening. Try wearing the skirts with opaque coloured tights to add a little interest to your outfit. And look out for skirts in shimmering colours of champagne and silver.

tip

Silk is protein fiber, more similar to wool than to cotton. It is very similar to human hair. Remembering this will help when you think about how to wash or clean it. — *ensualsilk.com*

In brief

HOCKEY Do real men wear Prada? New Line Cinema will presumably answer that question in a romantic comedy feature about professional hockey player Sean Avery's experiences as an intern at the fashion bible Vogue. Avery, who considers himself something of a fashion jock, spent the summer at Vogue, where, among other duties, he served as guest editor of MensVogue.com. A member of the NHL's New York Rangers at the time of the internship, he has since signed with the Dallas Stars. He told The Hollywood Reporter he's always been a fashionista. REUTERS

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Strutting her way into fame

Q&A with recent Walk of Fame inductee Daria Werbowy

Supermodel Daria Werbowy, 24, was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame last week.

Werbowy, whose name means, "willow tree" in Ukrainian, immigrated to Mississauga with her family from Poland in the mid-1980s.

Her entrée into modelling started at the age of 14, when a schoolmate's mom who operated a talent agency in Toronto, saw dollar signs in the lanky, 5-foot-11 teenager with braces.

Now represented by Elmer Olsen Models in Toronto and IMG in New York, Forbes magazine counts Werbowy among the top 10 highest-earning models in the world. Her major contracts this year include Dior, H&M, David Yurman, Jean Paul Gaultier and Lancôme.

Q Let's talk about modelling. A lot of magazines have hailed the return of the original supermodels — you know, Linda, Christy, Kate. What do you say to the commentators who claim today's models lack the personality of their predecessors?

A What's happened now is girls aren't being given the time to develop and to grow and to become women and develop their personalities. The turnaround is just much quicker.

And with the celebrity impact, models aren't the stars they used to be because celebrities are fashion icons as well now.

Q Forbes ranked you ninth on its list of the world's highest-paid models. What's been your biggest purchase?

A My apartment. Home is your sanctuary.

Q You've been a hugely successful model. You hold the record for opening the most runway shows in your first season. If you had to do it all again, what would you do differently?

A I would've taken things a little more slowly and made a little bit more time for myself. I think one of the secrets to modelling is the less you care and the more you're yourself, the more successful you are.

Model Daria Werbowy

And maybe I would've started taking three months off a lot earlier in my career. It's the best kind of therapy for anything. You come back feeling 'I really don't care any more — I f—-in' sailed across the Atlantic."

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Food

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Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

Crisp fruit
To keep apples crisp, store in their original plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to one month.

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Apples: Early autumn's pride

À la carte

Barb Holland
Metro Food Writer

You know it's fall when the leaves begin to change colour and big baskets of crisp apples are abundant.

Apples are a crop with a long history and are grown in many countries. It is the hardiest and most widely cultivated of all tree fruits, making them available year-round. As with all produce, try to buy local varieties in season. You will be rewarded with different flavours, textures and unequalled freshness.

Apples are one of the most popular and best out-of-hand eating fruit — on average, Canadians eat 86 apples per year, nowhere near an apple a day.

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countless kinds

• There are countless varieties of apples harvested from August through to November. Match the variety's cooking qualities with your purpose. Firm apples that keep their shape are good for pies. Apples that cook down easily are ideal for applesauce.

Apple Ginger Pudding with Lemon Sauce

Here's a dessert that 'bakes' in less than 5 minutes. These individual steamed puddings are nice served warm; however they can be made ahead. A quick reheat in the microwave will warm them up. Makes 6 servings.

INGREDIENTS:
Pudding:

• 1/4 cup (60 mL) canola oil + greasing cups
• 1/2 cup (125 mL) dark brown sugar
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) molasses
• 1 egg
• 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) grated, peeled apple (about 2 medium)
• 1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
• 1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) baking soda
• 1/2 tsp (2 mL) cinnamon
• 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) minced candied ginger (2 slices)

Lemon sauce:

• 1/2 cup (125 mL) sugar
• 2 tbsp (30 mL) cornstarch
• 1-1/4 cups (300 mL) milk
• 1 tbsp (15 mL) butter
• 1 lemon, finely grated peel and juice
• 1/4 tsp (1 mL) vanilla

METHOD:

Brush 6 - ¾-cup (175 mL) ramekins or custard cups with oil.

Combine 1/4 cup (60 mL) oil, brown sugar, molasses and egg until well blended. Stir in apple.

In large bowl, stir together flour, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in candied ginger. Stir liquid mixture into dry mixture until evenly combined; spoon batter evenly into ramekins or cups.

Arrange ramekins in a circle in microwave oven. Microwave uncovered at High for 3 to 5 minutes or until cake tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes. To serve, turn out onto individual plates and serve with warm Lemon Sauce.

For the sauce, in a 4-cup (1 L) glass measure, whisk sugar and cornstarch together. Whisk in milk until smooth. Microwave, uncovered at High for 3 to 5 minutes or until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Whisk at least once during cooking. Stir in butter until melted, then lemon juice, peel and vanilla. Makes about 1-1/2 cups (375 mL).

Tips:

• Pick of the Crop: Look for firm apples, free of wrinkles and bruises. Remove any fruit that are overripe or have soft spots as they give off ethylene gas causing nearby apples to ripen too quickly and spoil. Trim and use for pies or sauce.
• Good for you: Apples are a good source of dietary fibre (be sure to eat the skin) and vitamin C.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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Entertainment

Paris to duet?
Paris Hilton has announced she is keen to team up with Britney Spears for a duet. The socialite is currently working on a follow-up to her self-titled 2006 debut album. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Alberta student new Idol

Tams beats Nova Scotia's MacDonald for crown

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

When Theo Tams tried out for Canadian Idol, he was a nervous, armpit-soaked reality television show hopeful. Today he has a record deal, a national fan base and a shortcut to stardom.

Tams, a 23-year-old University of Lethbridge student from Lethbridge, could not hold back tears when he learned he beat Port Hood, N.S. carpenter Mitch MacDonald, 22 for the Idol title in the show's sixth season.

The victory was an upset for MacDonald who never placed in the bottom two or three during the show and would have been the first Atlantic Canadian to win the competition.

On Monday night, the guys sang three songs — one of their choice, one of the judge's choice and the single they would release if they were victorious.

The finalists returned last night, delivering reflective departing performances demonstrating their individual musical styles.

Canadian Idol's final two: Theo Tams and Mitch MacDonald.

On the live finale, host Ben Mulroney returned with the show's judges Farley Flex, Jake Gold, Sass Jordan and Zack Werner in a two-hour retrospective chock full of live performances and celebrity appearances, punctuated by R&B diva Mariah Carey.

The show's top 10 finalists opened with a medley highlighting each contestant, the first of the night's three group performances. After looking back at the season's highs and lows, B.C. band Hedley, fronted by second season Idol contestant Jacob Hoggard, took to the stage to perform.

New to the program this season was the involvement of Toronto songstress Jully Black as mentor. She returned to exercise her vocal pipes, followed by a smooth, soulful performance by American singer/songwriter John Legend, who advised the final two in New York prior to their final performances.

Likely the most anticipated performance of the night was the Canadian television debut of Grammy Award winner Mariah Carey. Donning a black sequined dress, a reserved Carey performed two songs against a frosted monogrammed panel to excited applause.

Past winners have charted number one singles and garnered Juno nominations following their Idol run.

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So You Think You Can Dance Canada set to debut on CTV

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Does Canada think it can dance? Get ready to find out.

Launching tonight on CTV, So You Think You Can Dance Canada finally brings the popular U.S. reality dancing competition to the Great White North.

Don't expect any appearances by Canadian icons Bob and Doug McKenzie though. Instead, popular judges from the original show Mary Murphy and Dan Karaty will make appearances as guest judges while a string of talented Canadians led by Jean Marc Genereux, choreographer from the U.S. show, and tri-talented dancer, choreographer and actress Tre Armstrong will take on full-time judging duties. Urban-dance guru Luther Brown and Blake McGrath, a finalist from the first season of the U.S. show, will alternate as the third judge. Other guest judges include renowned Canadian ballet dancer Rex Harrington (who partnered with Karen Kain) and Jonas Brothers choreographer Paul Becker.

CTV PHOTO

Leah Miller hosts So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

MuchMusic VJ Leah Miller will host the show and said recently that she burst into tears when she found out she got the job.

"I am ecstatic! Hosting the homegrown edition of So You Think You Can Dance Canada is such a priviledge for me," Miller said.

Sandra Faire, executive producer for the Canadian show, says the pool of dancers who auditioned across Canada was surprisingly robust.

"We were amazed at the diversity of dancers we found in each of our audition cities. We know viewers will fall in love with them!" Faire said.

Lee heads film festival

MOVIES Spike Lee is again heading the jury of the Babelgum Online Film Festival. Last year's inaugural edition of the Internet festival received 1,000 entries from 86 countries. Babelgum is now accepting uploads of independent short and medium-length films through the end of the year. The winners will be announced early next year. Viewers will select the Top 10 in each of four categories. From those, Lee will choose a winner in each category for the $28,400 Spike Lee Award. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Spike Lee

In brief

LAWSUIT A judge has tossed out lawsuits brought by a driving instructor and two etiquette teachers who said the makers of the movie Borat deceived them, noting all three accepted money and signed agreements releasing the filmmakers from liability. In the film Sacha Baron Cohen plays an uncouth, anti-Semitic journalist. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bean bear sells at auction

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Offishall recruits some star power

UNIVERSAL MUSIC PHOTO

Not 4 Sale is the new album from Canadian rap star Kardinal Offishall.

Album Reviews
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Kardinal **Offishall**

Album: Not 4 Sale
Label: Kon Live/Universal
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

BY NOW PEOPLE have come to expect a lot from Kardinal Offishall — since his debut in 1997, he's consistently released solid, socially conscious rap. On his fourth album Kardi sticks to what he does best — creating witty, thought-provoking rhymes and dance-ready beats. Bolstered by his relationship with Akon's record label, the Canuck wordsmith has loaded this disc with some of urban music's biggest names. Estelle, T-Pain and Akon all make appearances here, with Rihanna's contribution on Numba 1 (Tide Is High) the best of the bunch. **Bryan Borzykowski**

Okkervil **River**

Album: The Stand Ins
Label: Jagjaguwar/Sonic Unyon
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

COMBINING SMART INDIE rock with alt-country grit, this Austin, Tex., act caught a lot of buzz last year with The Stage Names. Fans of that album will be happy to know Okkervil River's latest was recorded during those same sessions. The Stand Ins, however, contains less steel guitar and more indie ambition, which may leave some wondering what this band really is (Stage Names or Stand-Ins). Okkervil's true identity lies in the visions of Michael Sheff, a brilliant craftsman with an off-kilter voice and a remarkable ability to bring dime-novel characters to life through song. **Graham Rockingham**

Chad **VanGaalen**

Album: Soft Airplane
Label: Flemish Eye
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

SINCE CHAD VANGAALEN released his debut in 2005 people haven't stopped talking about this Calgary-based wunderkind. But while the singer-songwriter's first two albums were good, he hasn't released his masterpiece yet. Soft Airplane isn't it, but the record is easily VanGaalen's best to date. He's finally abandoned the bizarre tracks that made his first two releases uneven, meaning this disc is all fantastic indie pop. But like his last efforts he doesn't shy away from odd noises and complex arrangements — he just uses them better here. **Bryan Borzykowsk**

Saint **Alvia**

Album: Between The Lines
Label: Stomp
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

ONE OF THE delights of the 2008 Junos was watching these six rounders from Burlington get nominated for rock album of the year. They didn't win, but that brief glimmer of recognition ensured they'd be back. They rebounded fast with a 13-song multi-headed beast filled with sin, degradation, true-hearted rock 'n' roll, left-wing conspiracy theories, late '70s Madness and Joe Strummer redemption. The band has stripped the words "The" and "Cartel" from its name, but basically this is the same Saint Alvia, music to be saved for the last swig in the bottle. **Graham Rockingham**

Gym Class **Heroes**

Album: The Quilt
Label: FueledByRamen/ Decaydence/Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

SCORING DARYL HALL of Hall & Oates fame for a duet on this fourth outing highlights all that is kitschy-in-a-feel-good-way about the upstate New York crew. Their liaising of hip hop with pop and rock make for some ear-pleasing, head-bobbing tuneage — helped by Travis McCoy and pals' oft-witty lyrics and guests as varied as Hall and Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump. **Ian Nathanson**

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Kudos for Dench
Actress Dame Judi Dench is to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 21st European Film Awards on Dec. 6. in Copenhagen, Denmark. ANANOVA.COM

Doc exhibits museum fix

IntelleVision

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CRYSTAL CLEAR The rest of the country probably regards the subject with indifference, but the new addition to Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum was intermittently a lightning rod for concern and outrage during the six years it took to build, and tonight the CBC takes us along for a look back, with the debut of The Museum, a two-part documentary made with remarkable access to the backstage intrigues behind the whole drama.

There are two men at the heart of the story director Kenton Vaughan tells, and only one of them is "starchitect" Daniel Libeskind, the author of the Michael A. Lee-Chin crystal, an audacious and attention-grabbing explosion of angles that erupts from the side of the stately old ROM building like a sci-fi movie set. The other is museum director William Thorsell, the onetime editor-in-chief of the Globe & Mail, and the motivating force behind the Crystal.

The first hour of The Museum (the second half will air next Thursday) rewinds from the splashy opening of the new Crystal back to the turn of the millennium, when the ROM was a mostly moribund cultural institution, beloved but unvisited, full of tatty exhibits left over from the theme-park era of museum design.

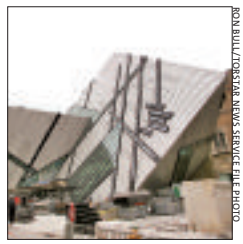
Thorsell, the first ROM director without a museum background, is called in to revive the place, and he tells the trustees that the first and best option is a wild, attention-grabbing piece of architecture like Frank Gehry's Bilbao Guggenheim — conventional wisdom that was overwhelming Toronto, as almost every one of the ROM's institutional peers was demanding and getting a splashy renovation or redesign.

In front of Vaughan's cameras, the two men form a mutual admiration society, though Thorsell seems to do most of the work. Thorsell does nothing to dispel the idea — suggested by the CBC doc and most other coverage of the Crystal's birth — that the building is really his testament, his taste and worldview made concrete (and steel and aluminum but ultimately very little of the glass Torontonians were initially led to expect from early models).

Their enthusiasm for the project sustains them through the crises they'd encounter over the years, from the discovery that the initial plan contained insufficient steel to hold itself up, to the public outcry that scuttled the condo project that Thorsell was relying on to cover funding shortfalls.

Vaughan has said he tried to keep an objective tone, so your reaction to The Museum will likely hinge on how you feel about Libeskind's building, which hasn't attracted near the numbers the ROM was relying on since opening last year. The museum's staff certainly seems less than enthusiastic, complaining frequently about the unworkable space, and Thorsell's disregard of their counsel on the effects of light on delicate artifacts.

At times, the two men come across like caricatures of aesthetes, gushing over visual sensations, complimenting each other on their clothes and generally suggesting a skit that might have been performed by Dana Carvey and Mike Meyers in their distant prime.



ROM PHOTO/TORONTO STAR NEWS SYNDICATE FILE PHOTO

The Museum, tonight on CBC, follows the addition made to the Royal Ontario Museum.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Jones reaches divorce deal

• TV personality Star Jones has settled her divorce from her husband of nearly four years, Al Reynolds, imdb.com reports.

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• 9 p.m.: Seven-piece house music band, Luscious Moov, performs its soulful sounds. At Ginger 62 Cocktail Den, 1219 Granville St. Tix: $8. Info: ginger62.com.

• 10 p.m. The Breakfastaz "make the masses shake their asses," with a selection of break beats and electro. At Lotus Sound Lounge, 455 Abbott St. Tix: $15 advance. Info: 604-685-7777.

Young Jeezy perches at No. 1

MUSIC Rapper Young Jeezy claimed his second No. 1 album on the U.S. pop chart yesterday, while the newly reunited New Kids On The Block entered at No. 2 with their first release in 14 years.

Yong Jeezy's The Recession moved 260,000 copies during the week ended Sept. 7, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The New Kids' The Block followed with 95,000 copies. REUTERS

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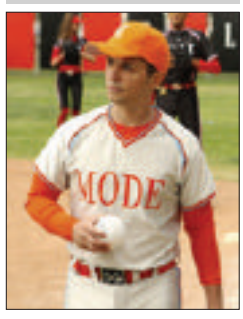
critics' corner

Ugly Betty
Still missing Henry (Christopher Gorham), Betty (America Ferrera) fights her attraction to Gio (Freddy Rodriguez); Hilda (Ana Ortiz) tries to get Coach Diaz (Eddie Cibrian) to notice her; Amanda (Becki Newton) agrees to do a reality show with her father, rock legend Gene Simmons; Wilhelmina (Vanessa Williams) makes a triumphant return to Mode. 8 PM on ABC



Grey's Anatomy
And now the latest in why your HMO is bleeding you dry: Dr. Wyatt (Amy Madigan) refuses to let Meredith (Ellen Pompeo) give up on therapy because let's face it; Meredith might snap someday without it. Alex (Justin Chambers) learns the truth about Rebecca's (Elizabeth Reaser) medical condition, and the chief (James Pickens Jr.) insists Erica (Brooke Smith) perform a risky surgery on his mentor. All in a day's work at Seattle Grace. 9 PM on VI

Watson mulls U.S. university

Harry Potter star Emma Watson is considering moving to the United States to study at university. "If I do go there I will do a liberal arts degree, but if I stay in the U.K. I'll do English literature," she said. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Liv struggles with end of marriage

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Liv Tyler is opening up about the breakup of her marriage — a painful experience that she is still struggling to come to terms with, People.com reports.

"For the first time in my life, it's so much harder for me to get up and brush (off) my knees," the daughter of Aerosmith frontman Steven Tyler tells U.K.'s Harper's Bazaar in its October issue.

"I am feeling the pain and the loss of everything," she says about her split with her husband, musician Royston Langdon.

Coming to terms with the end of her five-year marriage has not been easy for Tyler, despite her seemingly serene nature.

"I don't feel calm and collected. I feel neurotic, like Woody Allen," says Tyler, 31. "I'm a Cancer and sometimes I just feel like a crab without a shell."

Tyler, who lives in New York City with the couple's three-year-old son Milo, has her own theory when it comes to healing.

"I am trying to just let myself feel it," she says. "I think you have to mourn and you have to feel that pain."

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Arrest rattles Anne's world

PEOPLE Anne Hathaway "spent a week in shock" after her then-boyfriend Raffaello Follieri was arrested, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who had been dating the businessman for four years, ended the relationship after he was taken into custody on charges of federal wire fraud conspiracy and money laundering. She admits the incident rattled her world.

"As soon as I found out about the arrest, I had to get on a plane to Mexico to do a promotional tour for Get Smart. And then I spent a week in shock at a friend's house," she told W magazine. "It's a situation where the rug was pulled out from under me all of a sudden."

But her Get Smart co-star Steve Carell stepped up for Hathaway during an interview, when she was questioned about the incident.

"(Carell) said, 'At some point you're going to have to talk about this time in your life. You don't have to do it this week. I'll take care of anything that comes your way.' "

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Naomi works at soup kitchen

SENTENCE Naomi Campbell began community service in a soup kitchen on Tuesday, arriving 10 minutes late on her first day, imdb.com reports.

The supermodel arrived at London's Whitechapel Mission centre in a chauffeur-driven limousine. But she was spared from the shelter's more difficult chores, such as cleaning, and was instead made to help with paperwork.

"It's usually pretty gruelling work but not for her. She was friendly enough and said hello but she didn't look too chuffed (excited)," a source tells Britain's Daily Mirror.

However, "Naomi is really eager to do the work that is required of her and give something back to the community," says a friend.

Campbell was sentenced to 200 hours of community service after she admitted to spitting at police officers at London's Heathrow Airport in April.

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celebrity brief

Usher, wife to welcome No. 2

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

FAMILY R&B star Usher and his wife Tameka Foster are expecting their second child together, People.com reports a source close to the singer as saying.

The couple welcomed their first child, Usher Raymond V, in November 2007. Since then, Usher, 29, has spoken publicly about how much he loves being a dad.

"I'm so proud to be a father by the time I'm 30," he told People last month. "I'd hate to be 80 years old and not be able to run with my kids. I need to still be able to do flips when they're in high school!"

A due date has not been announced.

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Reid to marry fashion boss

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Tara Reid is to marry French fashion boss Julien Jarmoune after a whirlwind romance, imdb.com reports.

The pair met while Reid was researching her new fashion line, Mantra, and the two quickly fell for each other, claims the National Enquirer.

"Tara's really in love with this guy, and he's had an amazingly calming effect on her," a friend tells the tabloid. "Julien has definitely changed Tara for the better. It looks like she's finally gotten her act together. They're talking about a wedding next summer."

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Lindsay lauds Downey Jr.

PEOPLE Actress Lindsay Lohan has praised Robert Downey Jr. for conquering his drink and drug demons, imdb.com reports.

Lohan admires Downey Jr. for recovering from his hard times, and thinks his experiences have helped him attain the Hollywood status he has today.

"He's an amazing actor. Look at people like that who have gone through s--t and had to work that much harder to get to where they are now," she tells Marie Claire magazine.

Referring to her own past, which has seen her arrested over a DUI offence, Lohan adds, "I've learned. I'll never go back. And it's not a never-say-never type thing — it's just, I know. I know."

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Uma shoots down baby talk

RUMOUR Uma Thurman has been forced to deny she is expecting her first child with fiance Arki Busson following reports she purchased a bundle of over-sized dresses to prepare for pregnancy, imdb.com reports.

According to New York Daily News reports early this week, Thurman's assistant called retailer Fred Segal last week and ordered six dresses two sizes too large for the star.

"She is absolutely not pregnant," a representative for the actress said. "We are trying to find out if someone used her name to order clothes that were not meant for her.

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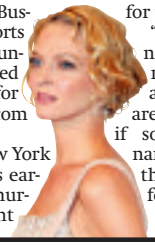

celebrity brief

Pam denies dating Jackson

RUMOUR Pam Anderson is laughing off rumours that she is dating pop star Michael Jackson, usmagazine.com reports.

"He just wants me to be in a video," the actress said on the Ellen DeGeneres Show yesterday when asked about their recent meeting. "My life is so interesting. My life is a blur."

"So seriously, have you been hanging out with him?" DeGeneres asked.

"It happens ... skin cancer and Vicodin," she replied cryptically. "I don't know ... I have a lot of interesting friends."

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Celebrity Apprentice drops Heather: Report

TELEVISION Sir Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills has reportedly been dropped from the lineup of Donald Trump's hit U.S. reality TV show Celebrity Apprentice, imdb.com reports.

The business tycoon confirmed in June that Mills was bidding for a role on the series, which sees celebrities work under the guidance of mentor Trump.

But producers decided against recruiting the 41-year-old after she allegedly demanded a clause in her contract that guaranteed her a place in the show's final.

The second series of the show is set to begin taping this month and is scheduled for a premiere in January.

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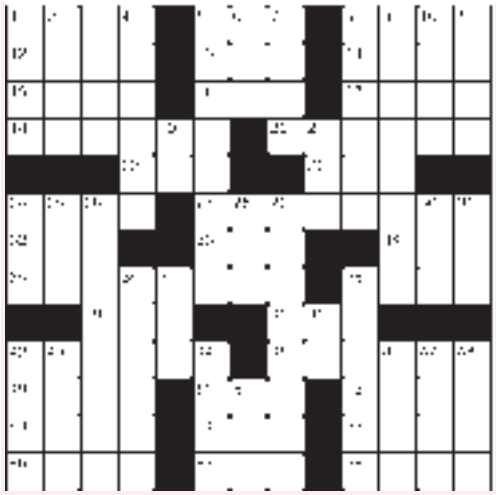
Lost star lost again

Lost alum Harold Perrineau will play a captive once again in the new thriller Killing Jar. The movie, in which Perrineau plays a salesman, centres on an armed man who takes seven people hostage at a diner. TVGUIDE.COM

Take Five



Crossword down

1 Basilica section
2 Consider
3 Uninteresting
4 Long-necked lutes
5 Soldier's footwear
6 Carte lead-in
7 Mogul Griffin
8 Kin of "aloha"
9 Tepid
10 Settled down
11 Prohibits
19 Smallest st.
21 Blood-group letters
24 Vacationing
25 Lawyers' org.
26 Man-powered transport
28 Calendar abbr.
29 Annie's song?
30 Pinch
31 ABBA song
36 Traffic problems
37 Make up your mind
38 The monk in "The Da Vinci Code" was one
41 Lindbergh book
42 Downy neckwear
43 Relaxation
44 Dance lesson
46 — -friendly
47 Berg portion
48 Marshy areas
51 Time of your life?

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Crossword across

1 Uses an abacus
5 Predicament
8 Thick chunk
12 Gilpin of "Frasier"
13 Hearty brew
14 Story-telling dance
15 Membership
16 Subway component
17 Related
18 Start a journey
20 Parking lot attendants
22 Eve, originally
23 Acknowledge applause
24 Galley supply
27 Comfy footstools
32 Justice Dept. div.
33 "So that's it, eh?"
34 "Flying Down to —"
35 Jack-of-all-trades
38 Increases the volume
39 Half-ton measure
40 Pussycat's partner
42 Assails
45 Snub
49 Kamehameha locale
50 Pitch
52 49-Across, e.g.
53 Memo acronym
54 Swelled head
55 Night light
56 Stitches
57 Church seat
58 Mined-over matter

previous day's answer

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A romantic prospect appears on the scene. You're set to improve the quality of your life. A more positive attitude comes out of the blue.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone you'll be glad to hear from will find you. Everyone is whining that they don't feel well. Whimpering will do no good.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Neglect of safety precautions causes an accident. Carry a first-aid kit, just in case. Withdraw from a challenge at work.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A former enemy causes disruption of your work. Courage is needed to overcome obstacles. Don't be bullied by co-workers.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can co-operate in a divisive presentation. A rift in a friendship can lead to the loss of opportunities. Be polite but stick to your own standards.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll get confidential information. Expect a sudden series of surprising events. If friends advise caution, you must pay attention.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Unexpected good news shatters your complacency. A contact leads to an improvement in your lifestyle. Try to take the afternoon off work.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24- NOV 22
You may feel a bit under the weather. You are stressed by transit and environmental problems. Others feel intimidated by you today.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23- DEC 21
An admission of appreciation brightens the day. Friends are in an agreeable mood. A conversation will create comedy chaos.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
An issue is resolved to everyone's satisfaction. You can count on people to be unusually co-operative. Take it easy for a few days.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Changes are coming at work. You're the best person for a job. Treat yourself to a fabulous fantasy adventure

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MAR 20
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SEPT. 11, 1940: Buckingham Palace is damaged during a German air raid during World War II.
SEPT. 11, 1961: Formation of the World Wildlife Fund.
SEPT. 11, 1973: A CIA backed coup in Chile headed by General Augusto Pinochet topples the democratically elected President Salvador Allende. Pinochet remains in power for almost 17 years.
SEPT. 11, 2001: Co-ordinated attacks result in the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York City, destruction of the western portion of The Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and an unplanned passenger airliner crash in Shanksville, Penn., which happened after airplane passengers fought back on the plane. In total, 2,974 people are killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sudoku

		2	7		8	1		
9		6				2	7	
				3	9			
				1	2	6		7
2								5
3		9	6	5				
			4	8				
	9	1				4		3
		5	9		3	7		

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

4	3	5	7	1	2	6	8	9
6	8	9	4	5	3	1	7	2
1	7	2	9	6	8	5	3	4
2	4	7	6	3	5	9	1	8
8	5	3	1	9	4	2	6	7
9	6	1	2	8	7	3	4	5
5	9	4	3	7	1	8	2	6
7	1	8	5	2	6	4	9	3
3	2	6	8	4	9	7	5	1

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min . . . . . Genius
13-17 min . . . . . Scholar
17-21 min . . . . . Smart
21-25 min . . . . . Not bad
25+ min . . . . Keep practising

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Vancouver weather

The Weather Network theweathernetwork.com

Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny. 21°	Clear. Low 11°	Mainly sunny. 18°/12°	Sunny. 19°/13°	Sunny. 21°/13°

Temperature
Normals
High: 19.5°
Low: 10.5°

Records
High: 28.9°/1944
Low: 5.6°/1949

Sunrise: 6:44 a.m.
Sunset: 7:32 p.m.
Moonset: 2:14 a.m.
Moonrise: 6:08 p.m.

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